

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Gottfried (nmi) Beer, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/537,717  
Filing Date: December 5, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 2874  
Confirmation No.: 5024  
Examiner: Unknown  
Title: *OPTICAL TRANSMITTER AND/OR RECEIVER ASSEMBLY  
COMPRISING A PLANAR OPTICAL CIRCUIT*

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**FOURTH REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Applicants respectfully inquire as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants previously filed a Third Request for Status on July 23, 2007. Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this Fourth Request for Status to respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular to request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

**REMARKS**

Applicants do not believe any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts LLP. If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (214) 953-6581.

Respectfully submitted,  
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